

## SUMMARY

### The Eternal Quest Board of Directors' Meeting

June 6, 2010

Present: Tom Couch (presiding), Gillian Renault, Revathi Venkataramani, Pranab Lahiri, Alaina Gimbert, Shailesh Pawar

With the unexpected departure of Swami Brahmailidyanada the Board reached out to the Center's sponsoring temple in Hollywood for help. Swami Swahananda, the leader of the Hollywood temple, responded by saying that there are no monks or nuns currently available to lead the Atlanta center. However, Swami Swahananda suggested that Ms. Ruma Bhattacharya come to Atlanta to attend to the shrine and be available to meet with devotees. Ms. Bhattacharya, a cousin of Pranab Lahiri's late wife, is a long time devotee. Her grandfather was a direct disciple of Holy Mother.

This option had been discussed with members of the Center and there was consensus that the Center should invite Ms. Battacharya to come to Atlanta. The Board asked Pranab Lahiri to reach out to Ms. Battacharya to see if she would be willing to come. The Board also delegated to Mr. Lahiri the authority to work with Swami Swahananda to find someone else to help the Center, in the event Ms. Battacharya did not wish to come. [Update: Pranab, Swami Swahananda and Ms. Battacharya discussed the matter, and it was decided that Ms. Battacharya would not come to Atlanta.]

Other matters the Board decided:

1. A keyless lock (number pad) will be placed on the door to the shrine building. The code will be shared with the general membership so that members can access the shrine whenever they like.
2. No changes will be made to the shrine. However, the mandala that Swami Brahmailidyanada had designed for the shrine has begun to be painted by one of the Center's devotees, who has decided to complete the work. The Board honors this work of love and the mandala will be given a place of honor in the Center as it is both a beautiful expression of Vedanta's message that all religious paths lead to the same eternal One.
3. A tentative schedule for Sunday speakers through September was set.
4. Revathi Venkataramani will organize coverage for Vespers beginning in July.
5. Alaina Gimbert will organize a "spring cleaning" day in June or July. In addition, the Board will ask for volunteers to help clean the Center as currently two devotees are doing almost all this work.

6. The Board will begin posting its agendas and summaries of its meetings on the Center website to provide more transparency to the Center's members.